

## CITY OF STAMFORD

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TO: Camera Review Committee

FROM: Michael Pensiero, Technology Director

RE: Application for Camera Site Stamford Hurricane Barrier East Branch Stamford Harbor

Please accept this letter for approval for video camera installation in Stamford Harbor. This grant funded application is potentially the first of several that have been suggested by the Stamford Harbor Management Commission and reviewed by the Stamford Police Marine Unit.

The primary intent of the camera is informative in nature as it will be live streamed on the city website for public consumption. It will operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week. It will not be recorded and is not considered a surveillance camera as outlined in the camera ordinance.

It will, however serve as informational gathering in the event of extreme weather conditions such as Hurricanes as the camera view will allow for live Hurricane barrier water level gauge review. This information has become imperative in the city Emergency Operations Center in recent history.

The proposed location is presently in design review with coordination and approval from the Army Core of Engineers (the custodial body of the Hurricane Barrier). It is also expected that the installation will be completed prior to the next hurricane season (June 1, 2015)

When cameras are placed they will be placed to avoid any potential risk of intrusion, any risk of revealing confidential information, and avoidance of surveillance, any sensitive or secured areas (for example, windows of private property such as homes or office). The area chosen will face the water and a combination of limited Pan Tilt Zoom (PTZ) access along with limiting the field of view through Masking will be implemented to further alleviate any concerns for sensitive areas of view. To the North is a private cemetery, to the South Kosciuszko Park, West is obstructed by Hurricane Barrier and to the East is Brewer Yacht haven and private condominium complex (well over 500 yards away).

Thank you for consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me directly at 203-977-4115.